

Committee Meeting held on Friday 27th March,2026

Present: T Kneale, R Stewart, S Liddicott, J Lavender, B Kaighan, T Kaighan,
J Cairns,

Apologies: N Heffernan

The Chairman opened the meeting and asked those present if there were any matters arising from the minutes of the January meeting, which had earlier been circulated. There were none.

Bob proceeded to read the correspondence received during the last two months:

Email to Anthony Holden thanking him for sponsorship of the bowls club and Tonie Moxham's Memorial competition and receipt of their reply confirming their continued sponsorship. Steve confirmed that the monies had been paid into the bank.

- 1) Notice from K Allen confirming date of the Club's AGM which was held on Wednesday 11th February, Steve attended, and confirmed that BAE were sustaining their involvement in the Club.
- 2) Correspondence had been sent to T Ward & Sons and Identity (supplier of the Club's team shirts and jackets) requesting their sponsorship of the 'Open' pairs competitions. However, neither were able to help.
- 3) Email from the Ulverston league requesting the Club's advance payment of £30 per team for the coming season. Steve confirmed that this had subsequently been paid.

The Treasurer confirmed that the Club's accounts showed a healthy balance following receipts of £1843.00 from the bowlers team registration fees and entries into the pre-season competitions.

The Delegates: Brian reported that the Ulv league meeting had been very short, but that £100 had been donated to the juniors, that fixture books had now arrived and that the KO cup committee would be making this years draw.

Nigel had passed his Furness league notes to the Secretary in his absence, reporting that £200 had been donated to the juniors; in the absence of fixture books, any additions/changes to league rules would now appear on the Furness league website; Martin Lewis had now handed over the league

accounts to Greg and Joe who confirmed that the league had just short of £6000; The BCGBA had spent £55000 on a new website where new players could shortly be registered directly, instead of going through the County registrar; and finally confirmed that DCC had dropped their 2nd team out of the league.

Bob then reported on the progress being made over a new mower, following the write off of our 13 year old Dennis machine. The Club had been considering a Cobra Fortis petrol powered Fine Turf Cylinder Mower recommended by Lee, the head groundsman, and following agreement with the Sports Club and members of the Bowls committee, a proposal was made to purchase two of these machines with cassettes for cutting, verticutting and aereating the greens at a cost of £4500 whilst minimising the wear and tear on a single machine in maintaining our two greens, with the vat on the above sum to be refunded by the Sports Club following their annual tax review. The committee agreed to proceed with the purchase, with delivery due around the end of April.

A summary of the 'Open' competition entries was then submitted by the competition secretaries:

- 1) 44 entries had so far been received for the Tonie Moxham Mem'l sponsored by Holdens and scheduled for Sunday 5th April, fewer than this time last year due to the Kendal league staging their "Super 32 'Open' on the same date.
- 2) 16 entries had so far been received for the HP 'open' pairs planned for Bank holiday Monday 4th May sponsored by Anixter.
- 3) 24 entries had been received for the Over 60's Pairs planned for the Friday 22nd May (sponsor needed).
- 4) 13 entries had been received for the Mixed 'open' pairs on Sunday 7th June (sponsor needed)
- 5) 26 entries had been received for the Jack Marklew Mem'l on Sunday 23rd August sponsored by Tony Marklew

With most entries down on previous years, it was agreed that we need to monitor the mixed pairs entries in particular, to avoid any losses being made on the day.

In AOB the question was asked whether refunds to registration fees should be made to players who were unable to fulfil their quota of fixtures. This is not

covered by the Club's constitution, and with fees paid in affiliation to CCCGBA and development fees paid to BCGBA based on the total number of players registered, along with Personal Accident and Public Liability Insurance, and league membership fees, the committee voted not to propose any changes to the constitution.

The meeting closed at 11.45 am and a date of Friday 29th May agreed for the next meeting.